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The General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, assembled in the Metropolitan Church, Washington, D. C., on Wednesday, May 10, 1876, for its seventh annual session.

The devotional exercises were opened with reading the Scriptures, by Miss Hart, Corresponding Secretary of the Baltimore Branch; the hymn "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung, and prayer was offered by Mrs. Willing.

Mrs. Dr. Newman, on behalf of the ladies of the Church, gave an address of welcome to the Committee.

The following representatives of the several Branches responded to the calling of the roll: —

New England. — Mrs. C. P. Taplin, Mrs. B. J. Pope, Mrs. Jos. Cummings.

New York. — Mrs. Wm. B. Skidmore, Mrs. Jos. Hillman.

Northwestern. — Mrs. J. F. Willing, Mrs. R. F. Queal, Mrs. A. Wood.

Western. — Mrs. L. E. Prescott, Mrs. E. K. Stanley, Mrs. J. F. Blake.

Philadelphia. — Mrs. J. F. Keen, Mrs. P. L. Bennett, Mrs. E. J. Eckles.

Cincinnati. — Mrs. W. A. Ingham, Mrs. D. W. Clark, Mrs. A. S. Clason.

Baltimore. — Miss I. Hart, Mrs. J. P. Newman, Mrs. J. T. Murray.

Mrs. F. G. Hibbard of New York was elected President,

and Mrs. Wm. F. Warren, Secretary. Mrs. J. T. Gracey and Mrs. J. L. Beveridge were appointed Assistant Secretaries.

A committee from the Washington Preachers' Meeting, consisting of Rev. Dr. Dashiell, Rev. Mr. Black, Rev. Mr. Hedges and Rev. Mr. Hobbs, were introduced, and extended fraternal greetings from that body.

Miss Clara A. Swain, M. D., the first Medical Missionary sent out by the Society, having returned on account of failing health, after six years' efficient service in India, was introduced and warmly welcomed.

The following plan of work, prepared by the Corresponding Secretaries, was presented and adopted: —

Devotional exercises at 9 A.M.; business session from 9.30 to 12.30; Committee meetings from 2 till 4 P.M.; prayer meeting from 4 to 5 P.M. Friday afternoon, an open Committee meeting, for discussing plans of work. Friday evening, Anniversary Meeting.

The following Standing Committees were then appointed: —

On Publication. — Mrs. Hillman, Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Eckles, Mrs. Clason, Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Queal.

On Finance. — Mrs. Taplin, Mrs. Skidmore, Mrs. Willing, Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Keen, Mrs. Ingham, Miss Hart.

On Missionary Candidates. — Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Wood.

The following resolution, presented by Mrs. Taplin, was adopted: —

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Publication and Missionary Candidates be invited to meet with the Committee on Finance whenever their own work will allow, and the Finance Committee have access to the meetings of the Committees herein mentioned.

The order of business was suspended, and a Report of the Society, to be presented to the General Conference in session at Baltimore, read. The Report was adopted and ordered signed by the Corresponding Secretaries of the respective Branches.

There having been some misunderstanding in regard to

the length of the fiscal year, the following resolutions were presented by Mrs. Willing and adopted: —

Resolved, That the whole matter of deciding the length of the fiscal year be referred to the Committee on Publication.

Resolved, That we give our receipts as nearly as possible to the 1st of April, in our report to the General Conference.

A letter of greeting was read from Mrs. M. C. Nind of Minnesota, now in England, suggesting that an effort be made during this Centennial year, to raise the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. The delegates of the Western Branch were instructed to respond to the letter.

The order of business was resumed, and the Annual Reports of the Branches presented by the Corresponding Secretaries. The receipts from April 1, 1875, to February 10, 1876, are as follows: —

New England Branch . . .	$10,702.34
New York " . . .	10,163.83
Philadelphia " . . .	5,544.69
Baltimore " . . .	4,172.64
Cincinnati " . . .	7,444.86
Northwestern " . . .	12,247,82
Western " . . .	4,999.88
Total	55,276.06

When the total of the year's receipts was made known, the ladies gave expression to their gratitude by singing the doxology.

Announcements were made relative to the time and place for the meetings of Committees, and the meeting adjourned with singing the doxology, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Mr. Black.

Second Day, Thursday, May 11.

The ladies met at nine o'clock for devotional exercises, which were conducted by Mrs. H. Wheeler of Central New York. The meeting was called to order by the President. The roll being called, several delegates were found absent;

whereupon Mrs. Taplin presented the following resolution, which was adopted : —

Resolved, That one member from each Branch delegation be considered a quorum for the transaction of business.

The minutes were then read and approved.

Maps of our mission fields in India and China, presented by Rev. J. T. Gracey, were distributed among the delegates.

It was moved that the plan of work prepared by the Secretaries, and presented at the opening of yesterday's session, be recorded in the journal, but not inserted in the published minutes. Mrs. Willing moved an amendment, which was accepted, and the plan was ordered inserted in both journal and printed minutes.

Mrs. Taplin moved a reconsideration of the resolution regarding a quorum, and Miss Hart presented the following, which was adopted : —

Resolved, That one member from each Branch delegation be considered a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular meeting.

The rules of order were read for the instruction of the delegates.

The following resolutions of greeting from the General Conference were presented and read : —

The following preamble and resolutions, offered by J. P. Newman, D.D., and Joseph Cummings, D. D., were unanimously adopted by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session at Baltimore, Md., May 10, 1876 : —

"*Whereas*, The Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is now in session in the city of Washington; and,

"*Whereas*, The Society so represented is a recognized agency in the evangelization of the heathen; and, *whereas* said Society has met with encouraging success; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That we send to the Committee thus assembled our cordial greetings, with assurances of our deep sympathy in their labor of love and faith, and of our earnest prayers for their continued prosperity.

"*Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to transmit to said Committee a copy of this paper.

[From the minutes.]

"GEORGE W. WOODRUFF,

"*Secretary of the General Conference M. E. C.*

"BALTIMORE, MAY 10, 1876."

It was voted to defer the report of the "Heathen Woman's Friend," in view of the absence of the Agent, Mrs. Daggett.

Miss Hart presented the following, which was adopted: —

Resolved, That under the head of Article VII., in Order of Business, we take the countries in the following order: India, China, Mexico, South America, Japan and Africa, and that as these countries are called, all correspondence of interest and profit relating thereto be read.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Ohlinger, of the Foochow Mission, China, were introduced.

Reports from India were then called for, and a letter from Mrs. E. W. Parker, Corresponding Secretary of the W. F. M. S. of India, was read. Before acting on this report the President requested that a few moments be spent in silent prayer, for God's blessing to rest upon that field. The letter was referred to the Committee on Finance. A letter from Miss Sparks, giving a report of the Bareilly Orphanage, was read and referred to the Committee on Finance. Miss Swain was called upon, and made some statements regarding the value and condition of the Hospital and Home property of the Society in Bareilly. Further items regarding the work in India were asked for, and Mrs. Taplin read extracts from a private letter just received from Miss Green, Medical Missionary to Bareilly; who went out as substitute for Miss Swain, — now home on a furlough, — giving her first impressions of India. Reference was made to Miss Green's call to the Missionary work, and on invitation of the Committee, Mrs. Taplin, Corresponding Secretary of the New England Branch, under whose auspices Miss Green went out, gave a most interesting account of the manner in which Miss Green was found, after many unsuccessful efforts had been made to secure a Medical Missionary to take the place of Miss Swain, whose health was suffering from over-work. In view of this special answer to prayer, the President asked the Committee to unite in singing the verse, —

"Depend on Him, thou canst not fail:
Make all thy wants and wishes known;
Fear not, His merits must prevail,
Ask but in faith, it shall be done."

Mrs. Ingham, Corresponding Secretary of the Cincinnati Branch, then presented the Report of the Lucknow Christian girls' boarding school and home, under charge of Miss Isabella Thoburn, who has entered on her seventh year of labor in that Mission.

Reference was made in the Report to the necessity of enlarging the school building, so as to make accommodations for heathen girls, as their caste prejudices make it necessary to have separate provision for them. Mrs. Willing asked if it would involve any expense beyond the enlargement of the building. Miss Swain was then called out, and gave an interesting account of the school and satisfactory explanations in regard to the proposed addition, saying that the expenses would probably be covered by the pupils themselves. The Report of the Zenana work in Lucknow, under Miss Tinsley's charge, was read, and also the Report of the city schools. Mrs. Willing presented the following resolution, which was adopted: —

Resolved, That the Publication Committee be requested to take into consideration the appointment of a committee who shall gather the exact facts in regard to our Mission fields, and the preparation of a manual of Missionary information and interesting items, and also the publication of such matter in cheap and available form for circulation in our auxiliaries.

A motion to adjourn prevailed; the doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Mr. Ohlinger of the China Mission.

Third Day, Friday, May 12.

The Committee met at the usual hour for religious exercises, which were conducted by Mrs. Dr. Wood of Indiana.

At 9.30 the President called the meeting to order, after which the roll was called, and the minutes of the previous day read, and with slight amendment, approved.

The Report of Mrs. Daggett, Agent of the "Heathen Woman's Friend," was presented, accepted, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

Information from foreign fields was then called for, and reports from Moradabad, India, read, including Miss Blackmar's report of the School work, and that of the Zenana work, under charge of Miss Pultz. A letter from Miss Lore, telling of her medical work, was read by Mrs. Skidmore.

Bishop Carman of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, with his colleague, Rev. Mr. Loundsberry, were introduced to the Committee. The Bishop addressed to the ladies a few earnest words of greeting. Referring to the fact that he was a Briton, he said that he was proud of his nativity, proud that his sovereign was a woman, — a queen; and that of queenly women the queenliest were those engaged in the blessed work of evangelizing the world, lifting up the fallen, and rescuing their own sex from superstition, darkness and death.

Mrs. Keen presented a Report of the Kumaon district work from Mrs. Gill, and also from the Bible-women in Nynee Tal. The India Mission having been fully reported, the President made a few appropriate remarks, and called on Mrs. Hillman to lead in prayer.

China was next taken up, and a summary of the Foochow Mission work read, also detailed reports from the deaconesses working in that Mission.

Rev. Dr. B. K. Peirce, editor of "Zion's Herald," was introduced, and briefly addressed the Committee.

Mrs. Prescott then read a letter from Mrs. Plumb of Foochow, giving an account of a new day school. Mrs. Ingham presented a report of the first day school established in the China Mission, now under the charge of Mrs. Sites. Letters from a deaconess in Kucheng, and from Miss Trask, M. D., describing the medical work in Foochow, were read.

Reports from the Kiu Kiang Mission were then presented,

and referred to the Committee on Finance. A letter from Miss Mason, M. D., regarding the medical work in that Mission, was read.

A motion to adjourn prevailed; the doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Mr. Brown.

Fourth Day, Saturday, May 13.

The ladies met at the usual hour for devotional exercises, which were conducted by Mrs. Hibbard.

At 9.30 the business session was opened by the calling of the roll, and the reading of the minutes of the previous day, which were approved.

Rev. J. T. Gracey, returned Missionary from India, and Rev. Mr. Wheeler of the Wyoming Conference, were introduced.

The order of business was taken up, and reports from Peking read by Mrs. Keen; that of the medical work, under Miss Coombs, M. D., being first presented; afterward that of the school work, under Miss Mary Q. Porter. Letters from Miss Campbell, who joined the Peking Mission the past year, were read by Mrs. Taplin.

On account of the absence of Mrs. Prescott, the reports from Japan were postponed. Letters were then read from Miss Chapin of the South American Mission.

The Report of the Orphanage in Mexico City, under charge of Miss Warner, was presented by Mrs. Taplin. Mrs. Ingham also read letters from Misses Warner and Ogden, relative to the school work in that station. Mrs. Skidmore read a letter from Mrs. Dr. Butler, giving an account of the present state of political affairs in Mexico.

A letter from Rev. Mr. Flocken of the Bulgarian Mission was read by Mrs. Skidmore, giving a favorable report of the Bible-women in Tultscha supported by the New York Branch. This was supplemented by a report given by Mrs. Willing, of the work of the Bible-women, under patronage of the Northwestern Branch.

Miss Hart read a letter from Rev. James Deputie, reporting the work in Liberia supported by the Baltimore Branch, and also one from the native teacher working there.

On invitation, Mrs. Dr. Newman addressed the ladies, giving some of her observations and convictions with regard to the Foreign Missions of Women's Societies, which she had recently visited.

The President then read a few verses from the fourth chapter of St. John, after which two verses of the seventy-ninth hymn were sung, —

> "Behold the servants of the Lord
> A busy multitude appear."

and the ladies joined in prayer, led by Mrs. Willing.

The following resolutions were presented by Mrs. Clason, and adopted: —

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the full and valuable reports sent in by our Missionaries, feeling that these are great helps in sustaining the home work; and

Resolved, That we spread upon our journal a resolution of such approval, especially rejoicing in the devout Christian spirit shown in all these reports.

Announcements were then made, and after the singing of the doxology and the benediction, pronounced by Rev. Mr. Gracey, the Committee adjourned.

Fifth Day, Monday, May 15.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. H. Knowles of New Jersey.

The business session was opened at 9.30, the roll called, and the minutes read and approved.

It was voted that the reports from Japan, deferred from the previous day, should next be considered. Mrs. Prescott read very interesting letters from Miss Schoonmaker, pleading most earnestly for additional help, and presenting most strongly the openings for the work. Letters on the same

subject, from Rev. Julius Soper, and Rev. Dr. Maclay were also read.

Statements were made by Mrs. Keen and Mrs. Willing, explaining the reasons for the failure to send a Missionary Associate to Miss Schoonmaker during the year. A letter from Miss Schoonmaker was read by Miss Hart, followed by a statement from Mrs. Newman of what she had seen in Tokio. An earnest appeal was made by the President for renewed devotion and self-sacrifice, in view of the calls upon us.

Upon motion, it was voted that the paper on Japan, and all papers from the foreign fields, be referred to the Committee on Finance. By request of the President, the ladies engaged in prayer especially for Japan, led by Mrs. Taplin.

The order of business was suspended to receive the report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution. The following resolution, explaining the action of the Corresponding Secretaries in Constituting that Committee, was presented by Mrs. Willing, and adopted:—

Resolved, That the action of the Corresponding Secretaries in their preliminary meeting, recommending certain amendments of the constitution, be accepted as in harmony with that of the Sixth General Executive Committee of the Society, though the record of that action does not plainly appear in its minutes.

Mrs. Taplin then presented the Report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution, which was adopted:—

The Committee appointed to revise the Constitution propose the following changes; viz.:—

In Art. IV., to insert "Co-ordinate Branches" instead of "Branch."

Art. V., Sect. 1, to strike out "of the Branch Societies," and substitute the word "Secretary" for "Secretaries."

Art. V., Sect. 2, paragraphs 1 and 2 to be amended as follows: "To take into consideration the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society, as presented in the reports of Branch Corresponding Secretaries, and in the estimates of the needs of mission fields; to ascertain the financial condition of the Society; to appropriate its money in accordance with the purposes and method herein indicated; to devise means for carrying forward the work of the Society; fixing the amounts to be raised, employing new missionaries, designating their fields of labor, examining the

reports of those already employed, and arranging with the several Branches the work to be undertaken by each."

Art. V., Sect. 2, paragraph 4, to be amended as follows: "To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided all the plans and directions of the Committee shall be in harmony with the provisions of the constitution.

Art. VI., the heading to be "Branches" instead of "Branch Societies."

Art. VI., Sect. 2, to strike out "St. Louis" and insert "Des Moines." Sect. 3, to strike out "who may be a gentleman." Sect. 6, to strike out "Society." Sect. 7, to strike out "Society;" to strike out "The" before efficiency, and insert "its"; to strike out "of the Society."

Art. VII, to strike out "ladies contributing" and insert "women who shall contribute."

Mrs. Gracey announced a donation of $5.00 from a lady in Baltimore. Dr. Miley of Drew Theological Seminary, was introduced.

After singing the doxology, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Miley, and the Committee adjourned.

Sixth Day, Tuesday, May 16.

The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Hillman of Troy.

The meeting was called to order at 9.30, and the roll called. The reading of the minutes was waived on account of the absence of the Report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution.

The order of business was suspended to hear from Rev. Mr. Ritchie, Missionary of the English Presbyterian Church to Formosa, who was introduced to the Committee, and gave an interesting address to the ladies, concerning the work in that field.

A telegram was read announcing that a Committee appointed by the General Conference to confer with the General Executive Committee would arrive at noon.

Mrs. Gov. Beveridge of Illinois was introduced to the ladies.

The order of business was resumed, the minutes of Saturday morning's session were read and approved.

Monday's journal was also read and approved.

A memorial from New Mexico being offered by Mrs. Prescott, the following resolution, presented by Miss Hart, was adopted: —

Resolved, That the title of our Society, "Woman's *Foreign* Missionary Society," forbids the reception of this memorial.

The place of the next meeting of the General Executive Committee was then considered. Invitations were received from the Western and New England Branches, and from Clifton Springs, New York. It was voted to accept the invitation to meet with the Western Branch, the exact place to be determined at their third Quarterly Meeting.

The subject of Constitutional Amendments was taken up, and those of which notice had been given last year, acted upon item by item, and without exception laid upon the table.

Mrs. Willing moved to give notice to amend Act VIII., Section 3, by striking out the words "with the Corresponding Secretaries."

Miss Hart offered a substitute, which was accepted by Mrs. Willing and adopted: —

Moved, To constitute the Branch Corresponding Secretaries a Committee to have charge of the Missionary paper of the Society, and to arrange for the publication of an Annual Report of the work of the Society.

The next item in the order of business being the appointment of the Committee of Reference, and it being found that this matter was settled by the By-laws of the General Executive Committee, it was voted to strike out item II. in the Order of Business: "Appointment of Committee of Reference for the ensuing year."

Miss Hart presented the following resolution, which was adopted: —

Whereas, The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of India has fixed an hour of Tuesday for special prayer for our workers and work, and asked for a general observance of such a season; therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend and urge upon all the members of our Society a compliance with this request.

Mrs. Queal presented the following: —

Resolved, That in accordance with Sect. 3, Art. V., we appoint a Committee to take charge of the Missionary paper of the Society for the ensuing year.

The Corresponding Secretaries were appointed as this Committee.

The delegation sent by the General Conference to confer with the Committee, consisting of Rev. Mr. Wheeler of the Wyoming Conference, Rev. Dr. Ridgaway of New York, and Rev. Mr. Stowe of Wisconsin, were introduced.

It was voted to hold a private session of the Committee, to meet these gentlemen at 1.30 P. M.

Mrs. Bishop Clark presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Publication: —

A resolution was offered empowering the Executive Committee of the Cincinnati Branch to furnish Life Members with certificates of Life Membership. The delegates are instructed to confer with the General Executive Committee, and if all the Branches desire it, recommend to the Executive Committee that it issue uniform certificates for the whole organization.

It was voted on motion of Mrs. Clason, that the ladies entertaining the Committee from day to day be requested to give the name of their Church with the invitation to lunch.

Announcements were made, and after singing the doxology, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Stowe, and the Committee adjourned.

Tuesday, P. M.

A Special Session was held to receive the Committee appointed by the General Conference to confer with the ladies of the Committee.

The meeting was called to order by the President, the roll called, and two verses of the hymn "Rock of Ages," were sung, after which prayers were offered by Rev. Mr. Stowe and Mrs. Skidmore.

The object of the meeting was stated by the President,

and the Committee formally received. The following preamble and resolutions, adopted by the General Conference, were read by Rev. Mr. Wheeler, Chairman of the Committee, after a few introductory words of personal interest in and sympathy with the Society and its workers.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The following resolutions, offered by Rev. Henry Wheeler and Payne Pettibone, Esq., were adopted by the General Conference yesterday: —

Whereas, The Missionary work of the Methodist Episcopal Church must, in all its essential features and character be one; and,

Whereas, The relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church should, for harmony and unity, be made as close as possible, and in order to effect this it seems desirable that the Executive Committee of the said Society should meet at the same time and near the same place as the General Committee of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in order to get a clear view of the whole Missionary work of our Church, the reports of the two societies should be published at the same time and in one volume; and,

Whereas, It seems desirable to some that the Treasuries of the two societies should have a closer connection than they now have, and

Whereas, These changes can all be made without the least infringement upon the prerogatives of either society; therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be now appointed to visit the Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, now in session in the city of Washington, to confer with them, and if possible, bring about so desirable a result.

HENRY WHEELER,
PAYNE PETTIBONE.

Remarks were made by the gentlemen of the Committee, after which Mrs. Taplin moved the appointment of a Committee of three to prepare a reply to the General Conference. Mrs. Taplin, Mrs. Willing and Mrs. Skidmore were appointed such a Committee. The meeting then adjourned.

SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 17.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Hibbard.

At 9.30 the Committee was called to order, the roll called, and the minutes of the previous day read and approved.

Chaplain McCabe was introduced to the ladies, and kindly acceded to their request by singing one of his inimitable songs.

The order of the day was taken up, and the Report of the Committee, appointed to prepare a Report in reply to the Committee from the General Conference, was called for. The Committee not being ready, a partial Report of the Committee on Publication was presented by the Secretary, Mrs. Clason. It was accepted, and considered item by item. After some discussion it was recommitted.

The Report of the Committee appointed to reply to the Committee of General Conference, was then presented by Mrs. Taplin.

Whereas, The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been greatly helped in its work by the sanction and approval of the missionary authorities of the Church, and the favorable recognition of General Conference; and,

Whereas, As it desires a continuance of the helpful circumstances under which it has been privileged to labor; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the Seventh General Executive Committee, express our hearty concurrence in the wish of the General Conference that a place be given the Report of our work in the Annual Report of the General Society of our Church, that the fact may more clearly appear that this Society is simply and only a part of the General Missionary Society.

Resolved, That though by the provisions of the constitution given us we are unable to amend said constitution this year so as to hold our Annual Meetings in the same place and at the same time with those of the General Society; yet we will take the desired change of time and place of our meetings under advisement.

Resolved, That since the Constitution given us by the missionary authorities of the Church has held us in harmonious relations to the General Missionary Society, — relations, as we believe, mutually helpful, directing, as the missionary authorities have done, the method of gathering our funds, as well as the approval and control of our Missionaries, — and since we regard a closer financial union of our Society with the General Missionary Society prejudicial to our interests, we must express our conviction that a change in our relations to the General Missionary Society in this respect would be most disastrous.

On motion of Mrs. Clark the Report was accepted and adopted, and ordered signed by the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

The following resolution, presented by Mrs. Clason, was adopted: —

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to express to the women of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the Dominion of Canada, through Mrs. Dr. Jaques, of Belleville, Ont., our hearty sympathy in their purpose to organize a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, greeting them as co-workers in a noble cause.

Mrs. Willing, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Hillman were appointed this Committee.

A partial Report of the Committee on Missionary Candidates was presented by Mrs. Clark, Secretary. After its acceptance it was adopted item by item.

The time for adjournment came, and the consideration of the Report was suspended.

Rev. Mr. Sinsebaugh of Denver, Col., was introduced to the Committee.

The doxology was sung, the benediction pronounced by Rev. Mr. Sinsebaugh, and the Committee adjourned.

Eighth Day, Thursday, May 18.

The morning session was omitted to allow the Committee to complete their Reports.

After a delightful lunch, provided by Mrs. Somers at her residence, the Committee was called to order at 3 P. M. by the President, the roll called, and the minutes of the previous day read and approved.

The Report of the Committee on Publication was then presented by Mrs. Clason, accepted, and its adoption, item by item, voted. Item 1 was amended by omitting "in addition to," and adding "to be provided for from the proceeds of the 'Friend,'" and adopted. Item 2 was adopted. Item 3 amended by omitting the first clause, and adopted. Items 4, 5, 6, 7, were adopted. Item 8 amended by inserting "July number of," and adopted. Item 9 was laid on the table. Items 10 and 11 were adopted. Item 12 was amended by substituting February 10th for February 1st,

and adopted. Item 13 was adopted, and the Report then adopted as a whole. (See Appendix No. 1).

The Committee on Missionary Candidates presented its Report by Mrs. Clark, Secretary, which, partially adopted at a previous meeting, was taken up and considered.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, were adopted. Item 8 was laid on the table.

The Committee was called in private session a few moments, and made some changes in the form of health certificate. The Report was then adopted as a whole.

The Report of the Committee on Finance was called for and presented by Mrs. Taplin, Secretary. The appropriations for the coming year were all approved.

Item 1 of the Report was laid on the table. Item 2 adopted, to be entered in journal, but not to appear in the printed minutes. In view of the late hour, a motion was made and carried to adjourn, to meet at the parsonage of the Church at 7 o'clock P. M. Friday. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. T. Gracey.

Ninth Day, Friday Evening, May 19.

The Committee met at 7 o'clock at the Parsonage. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Hillman.

The roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

The Report of the Committee on Finance was again presented by Mrs. Taplin for continued action. Items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, were adopted. Item 13 was amended by striking out the Secretaries' names and substituting New York and Northwestern Branches, and adopted. Items 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 were adopted, and the Report was then adopted as a whole. (See Appendix No. 3).

Mrs. Willing offered the following, which was adopted :—

Resolved, That we encourage the use of mite boxes, inducing all friends of our cause to save and pay the small sums for the help of our work.

It was voted to reconsider the 5th item in the Report of the Committee on Publication, and the item amended by substituting the word "Annual," for "quarterly," and inserting "by May 1st," was adopted as amended.

The Committee appointed to confer with the General Conference was voted dismissed.

The following resolution was presented by Mrs. Ingham, and adopted by a rising vote: —

Resolved, That the thanks of this Committee be tendered to the officers of the Baltimore Branch, and to the ladies of Washington for the elegant entertainment afforded us during the Seventh Annual Session of this Committee.

Resolutions of thanks were also offered to the President and Secretaries.

Mrs. Taplin moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Gen. Cowen, as Chairman of the Reception Committee, for her unwearied efforts to make the meeting a pleasant and successful one; and Mrs. Pope moved also a vote of thanks to Mrs. Dr. Newman for her kindness in opening her house, and in many other ways serving the ladies.

Mrs. Ingham presented the following resolution, which was adopted: —

Resolved, That we recommend the re-election of one of the delegates of the preceding year as far as practicable.

The following editorial contributors were then nominated and elected: —

New England Branch	. . .	Mrs. O. W. Scott.
New York	" . . .	Mrs. Dr. Olin.
Philadelphia	" . . .	Mrs. J. F. Keen.
Baltimore	" . . .	Miss I. Hart.
Western	" . . .	M. A. F. Newman.
Northwestern	" . . .	Mrs. J. F. Willing.
Cincinnati	" . . .	Mrs. W. A. Ingham

After singing, prayer was offered by Mrs. Cummings, and the Committee adjourned *sine die*.

MRS. W. F. WARREN, *Secretary*

APPENDIX.

No. 1.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

1. *Resolved*, That Mrs. W. F. Warren, Editor of the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND has given entire satisfaction; and we recommend her retention on the same terms as last year, viz.: five hundred dollars per annum; her postage, stationery, and travelling expenses to the meeting of the General Executive Committee to be provided for from the proceeds of the FRIEND.

2. *Resolved*, That we recommend the adoption of the report of Mrs. L. H. Daggett, agent of the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND, and that, appreciating her devotion to its interests and her ability in the management of its publication, we recommend her retention on the same terms as heretofore, viz., six hundred dollars per annum.

3. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the Corresponding Secretaries be responsible for all contributions to the Home Department of the FRIEND.

4. *Resolved*, That each Branch Delegation nominate one Editorial Contributor for the present year.

5. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the Committee which has charge of the missionary paper of the society, receive an annual itemized report by May 1, from the agent of said paper.

6. *Resolved*, That, in view of the fact that the number of subscribers for the FRIEND has decreased during the past year, we recommend the officers of the Society to make a careful investigation as to the cause, and if possible take measures to increase the numbers of its subscribers.

7. *Resolved*, That, thanking Mr. J. P. Magee for his past services, we request that he audit the accounts of the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND for the present year.

8. *Resolved*, That we publish a tabulated statement in the July number of the FRIEND, and upon leaflets (said leaflets to be published and sold by the agent of the FRIEND), of the number of auxiliaries, members, life-members honorary managers and patrons, subscribers for the FRIEND, and receipts in each Branch; also the number of missionaries (medical and teachers), deaconesses, Bible-readers, orphans and orphanages, homes, hospitals, boarding and day schools, provided for by the General Executive Committee.

9. *Resolved*, That it be the duty of the Recording Secretary of the General Executive Committee to forward immediately after its adjournment a written copy of the appropriations for each foreign mission-field to the Treasurer, in the respective missions.

10. *Resolved*, That it be the duty of the agent of the FRIEND to forward copies of the printed minutes of the General Executive Committee to all missionaries in our employ, and to our acting treasurers.

11. *Resolved*, That, as the reason for the resolution passed last year by the General Executive Committee, making the fiscal year end February 1, is still urgent, we recommend that the report of the receipts in the different Branches published in the General Executive Committee minutes, include the time from April, 1875 to February 1, 1876, and that hereafter Branch Treasurers be instructed to close their Annual Reports February 10th of each year.

12. *Resolved*, That we recommend the publication of five hundred copies of the Minutes of the Seventh Annual Meeting of the General Executive Committee, — including the Constitution and By-Laws, Order of Business, and Rules of Order, — under the direction of the following Committee, Mrs. L. H. Daggett, Mrs. W. F. Warren, and Mrs. J. T. Gracey, the expenses to be provided for from the proceeds of the FRIEND.

MRS. JOS. HILLMAN, *Chairman.*
MRS. A. S. CLASON, *Secretary.*

No. 2.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. *Resolved*, That Miss Sara A. Brown, M.D., of Chicago, is well recommended by the medical college at which she graduated (Woman's Hospital Medical College, Chicago), and she commends herself by the ability with which she has written to the Secretary of the Branch, and we recommend her as a medical missionary.

2. *Resolved*, That the testimonials of Miss Mary A. Swaney, of Washington, D. C., are entirely satisfactory, and we unhesitatingly recommend her as a suitable person for any field to which she may be assigned.

3. *Resolved*, That the testimonials of Miss Leonora Howard, M. D., of Grand Rapids, Mich., for general scholarship and medical knowledge, and also for Christian character, are entirely satisfactory, and that we recommend her acceptance by the Committee.

4. *Whereas*, The compounding of medicines makes the work of a medical missionary very laborious, and requires much time, and, whereas, we learn from reports received through letters and returned missionaries that assistants are desired, and in cases of surgical operations sometimes absolutely necessary, therefore,

Resolved, that your Committee recommend that assistants be furnished wherever practicable.

5. *Whereas*, Much of the special preparatory work of our missionaries must be done at present in foreign countries, and under the depressing influences of a debilitating climate, thereby injuring their future usefulness, and, whereas, our returned missionaries are amply qualified to instruct them in all the requirements for foreign service: therefore,

Resolved, That we will provide, as soon as practicable, such training at home as will contribute to their highest good, and the more rapid advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom in heathen lands.

6. *Resolved*, That the 4th, 6th, and 8th Resolutions in the Report of the Committee on Missionary Candidates for last year, be reaffirmed by the present Executive Committee.

7. *Resolved*, That some experienced medical practitioner be selected in each Branch, to whom shall be shown the health certificate after it has been filled out by a physician, and who shall give an opinion as to the physical capabilities of the candidate and to what climate her constitution is best adapted.

8. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretaries to give written instructions to the missionaries elect, that the outfit money shall be spent only for furniture, clothing, and books.

9. *Resolved*, That careful and minute instructions on the duties and requirements of our missionaries elect, be furnished them by the Secretary of the Branch under whose auspices they are expected to labor.

10. *Resolved*, That in conformity with the requirements of the case, and out of regard to the lives, health, and effective labors of our missionaries, we recommend that provision be made by which they may return to this country at the expiration of five years' service, should they desire, and that they be allowed half their regular salary for the first year after return, it being understood that if they continue in the work of the Society in America, their travelling expenses will be paid by the Branch for which they labor.

11. *Resolved*, That the Instructions of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to missionary applicants, in the Report of last year, be reaffirmed by the present Executive Committee, to wit: —

INSTRUCTIONS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO MISSIONARY APPLICANTS.

1. A missionary candidate must be fully convinced that she is divinely called to the work of a foreign missionary.

2. She must present a certificate of health from a competent physician, and give satisfactory answers to the medical questions authorized by the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

3. She must furnish satisfactory testimonials of education, from competent and reliable authority.

4. Financial and executive ability, power to adapt herself to surrounding circumstances, and some degree of experience in teaching, are requisite qualifications for a successful missionary in a foreign field.

5. Her age should not be less than twenty-two nor more than thirty, although a thorough intellectual training, with a facility for the acquisition of languages and a remarkable ability for Christian work, may be considered a sufficient reason for some deviation from strict adherence to this rule.

6. She must assert her willingness to labor in any field, though her preference will always be considered.

12. *Resolved*, That the Special Instructions of the General Executive Committee to missionaries employed by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as found in the report of last year, be reaffirmed by this Executive Committee, to wit: —

Special Instructions of the General Executive Committee to Missionaries employed by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

1. All missionaries in employ of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will labor under the direction of the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and be subject to the same rules and regulations which govern other missionaries of the Methodist Church where they may be stationed in their legitimate work.

2. They will be expected to devote their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as all their temporal necessities will be provided for by the Society.

3. They are required to send annual and quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary having charge of their work, and the action of the General Executive Committee will be communicated to the missionary through that Secretary or the correspondent appointed for their field by said committee, and no other instructions are to be considered as official.

4. They are especially requested to include in their reports all items, anecdotes, and incidents of interest in a manner suitable for publication in the Heathen Woman's Friend.

5. They, with the wives of missionaries who labor in the interest of this Society, shall constitute a committee to prepare at each session of the Conference or annual meeting of the missionaries, the estimates for the ensuing year, which estimates shall have the sanction of said Conference or annual meeting before being forwarded to the General Executive Committee.

6. They shall incur no expense during the year to be met by this Society the estimate for which has not previously been submitted to and approved by the General Executive Committee at its annual meeting.

7. They shall credit all donations received for the support of their work, to the Society, and annually report the same with their financial statement.

8. A medical missionary shall be accountable to the Branch from which she is sent. She shall keep an itemized account of receipts and disbursements, of all fees received for medical service: such receipts may be used for necessary expenses in her medical work, any surplus being credited to her Branch.

9. The Society agrees to pay the expenses of its missionaries from the time of their leaving their home until their arrival at the place of destination, their salaries from the time of their arrival in the mission field; and in case a missionary is obliged to relinquish her work on account of ill health, the Society agrees to meet the expense of her return to her home.

10. Every missionary employed by this Society is required to give at least five years' continuous service as a single woman to the mission work assigned her; and should she, for any reason (sickness excepted), withdraw from the work of the Society before the expiration of that term, she will be required to refund the amount expended for her outfit and passage.

11. Every lady to be employed by this Society will be required to signify her willingness to comply with the above rules by signing her name thereto.

Mrs. Jos. Cummings, *Chairman.*
Mrs. M. J. Clark, *Secretary.*

No. 3.

Report of Committee on Finance.

1. *Resolved*, That the estimates for Mexican assistant, and school requisites for Miss Hastings, in Pachuca, be provided from the provisional fund of the Branch supporting Miss Hastings, when the necessity for them becomes apparent by the completion of accommodations for her school and home.

2. *Whereas*, An earnest desire exists in the mission in South America that our missionaries engage in other work than that provided for in our constitution, and, whereas, this Committee has no power to make immediate changes in its plans of work, therefore,

Resolved, That, while we must decline to make the desired changes, we express our hearty sympathy with the entire missionary work in Rosario, and cheerfully recognize the fact that our missionaries shall "be subject to the same rules and regulations that govern other missionaries in those particular missions," it always being understood that they be not required to violate the constitution under which they are sent out.

3. *Resolved*, That Mrs. Willing be appointed to correspond with Mr. Wood, and express to him the sentiments of this Committee in regard to the work in South America.

4. *Whereas*, We understand that a large amount of money appropriated last year for the work in South America has not yet been received by our missionaries, therefore,

Resolved, First, that Mr. Wood be informed of the amount of money sent to South America last year by the W. F. M. S., and be requested to ascertain whether the amount designated has been received and expended as appropriated.

Resolved, Secondly, that any such surplus now on hand, or which shall be received from last year's appropriations, shall be used for expenses of orphanage and school in Rosario this current year.

5. *Resolved*, That we nominate the following persons as Treasurers for their respective fields: — Mexico, Mrs. Butler; South America, Rev. T. B. Wood; Japan, Dora Schoonmaker; Foochow, Mrs. Baldwin; Kiukiang, Miss Hoag; Peking, Miss Porter; India, Mrs. Parker; Africa, Mr. Deputie; Bulgaria, Rev. W. T. Flocken.

6. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer in each foreign field be instructed to send to the Secretary, in official correspondence, an annual statement of the real estate, number of missionaries, of schools, of Bible-readers, and of scholars therein, and to give in all respects a full tabular statement of the work.

7. *Resolved*, That the funds of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society be entirely under the control of the General Executive Committee to be used only for purposes designated at the General Executive Committee Meeting, any surplus funds in the hands of Treasurers in foreign fields to be used for work already provided for by the General Executive Committee.

8. *Resolved*, That assistant teachers in schools under the supervision of the mission of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society be under the direc-

tion and employment of said missionaries, who shall be responsible to their society for the work and expenditures of such assistants.

9. *Resolved*, That the following persons be official correspondents for the foreign fields, viz.: — Mrs. Skidmore, Rohilcund District and Mexico; Mrs. Willing, Bulgaria, South America, and Japan; Mrs. Prescott, Kumaon District; Miss Hart, Foochow and Africa; Mrs. Ingham, Oudh District; Mrs. Taplin, Peking and Rome; Mrs. Keen, Kiukiang.

10. *Resolved*, That official communication from missionaries be addressed only to Corresponding Secretaries, postage on such correspondence to be paid by the Branch addressed.

11. *Resolved*, That each Corresponding Secretary be expected to report to the General Executive Committee the amount of provisional fund expended by her Branch during the year, and the object for which it was used.

12. *Resolved*, That in case any Branch is unable to meet the obligations it has assumed, any other Branch may, by the action of its Executive Board be permitted to use its surplus funds in aid of the Branch deficient.

13. *Resolved*, That if the New York Branch is unable to send a missionary to Japan within two months, the Northwestern Branch shall be permitted to fill the place.

14. *Whereas*, We accept the proposition made by General Conference that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society publish a report of its work in the same volume as the General Missionary Society, therefore,

Resolved, First, that an appropriation be made to cover the expense of publishing a statistical report in connection with that of the General Missionary Society, and that a committee of three be appointed to edit said report, and make all necessary arrangements for its publication.

Resolved, Secondly, that the expense of publishing a statistical report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society with that of the General Society, be met from the funds of the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND.

Resolved, Thirdly, that the Finance Committee respectfully nominate Mrs. W. F. Warren, Mrs. W. B. Skidmore, and Mrs. J. F. Keen, as the Committee to publish said report.

15. *Resolved*, That we appreciate the favor which Mrs. Bishop Clark has shown this Society in ascertaining the value of real estate and buildings owned by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the foreign fields, viz.:

LIST OF REAL ESTATE BELONGING TO W. F. M. S.

India.

Bareilly, Home (43 acres)	$12,500.00
Hospital	9,000.00
Orphanage	3,600.00
Moradabad, School Building	2,000.00
Home	3,000.00
Lucknow, School Building	3,000.00
Home	7,360.00
Boarding Halls	2,300.00
Paori, Orphanage	1,500.00
Gonda, School Building	300.00

Moradabad Home will cost, before it is finished, five hundred dollars more.

China.

Peking, Hospital	$5,500.00
Home	1,178.00
Kiukiang, (forwarded)	
School Building	2,600.00
Foochow, School Building	4,000.00
Hospital	6,000.00

Mexico.

Pachuca, Home	2,000.00
Mexico City (half corner)	2,000.00

16. *Resolved*, That we, the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, acknowledge our gratitude to the Corresponding Secretaries of the parent board for their gratuitous services in forwarding our funds to the mission-fields.

17. *Resolved*, That the Treasurers of the several Branches be instructed to send their appropriations directly to their Treasurers in the foreign field.

18. *Resolved*, That this General Executive Committee do most positively discountenance the organization of juvenile missionary societies auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, or the raising of money in any way which violates the eighth article of our constitution.

19. *Resolved*, That the money arising from annual membership shall not be used for making life members, such members to be made by the payment of twenty dollars distinctively for that purpose, and their membership to be acknowledged at the time of pledge and payment of first five dollars.

20. *Resolved*, All money save that paid for annual membership may be used to make life members, honorary managers, or honorary patrons.

Mrs J. F. Willing, *Chairman.*
Mrs. C. P. Taplin, *Secretary.*

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1876-7.

New England Branch.

India.

Moradabad, Christian Girls' School	$600 00	
" City Girls' School	310 00	
" Bible-women	340 00	
" Mrs. Stretton's salary	240 00	
Bijour Schools	400 00	
Amroha	200 00	
Bareilly, Girls' Orphanage	360 00	
" Miss Green's salary	600 00	
" " " incidentals	150 00	
" Medical work	300 00	
Roy Bareilly	562 00	
Budaon	650 00	
To complete purchase of Bareilly Orphanage	1,000 00	
Miss Swain's salary	375 00	
Estimate for exchange	1,217 40	
Total		$7,304 40

China.

Peking, Miss Campbell's salary	$600 00	
" " " incidentals	150 00	
" " " personal teacher	120 00	
" School	600 00	
" Improvements and Repairs	250 00	
" Gate-keeper	50 00	
Estimate of exchange	354 00	
Total		$2,124 00

South America.

Rosario, Miss Chapin's salary	$600 00	
" " " incidentals	150 00	
" Rent	600 00	
Estimate for exchange	270 00	
Total		$1,620 00

Mexico.

Mexico City Orphanage	$400 00	
" " Bible-reader	60 00	
Estimate for exchange	92 00	
Total		$552 00
Grand total		$11,600 40

New York Branch.

India.

Bareilly Girls' Orphanage	$1,040 00	
" Miss Sparke's salary	600 00	
" " " incidentals	150 00	
" Bible-women	360 00	
" City Girls' School	150 00	
To complete purchase of Orphanage	1,000 00	
Lucknow Bible-women	180 00	
" Two Scholarships in Girls' School	60 00	
" Agnes Doherty	60 00	
Moradabad, Miss Pultz's salary	600 00	
" " " incidentals	150 00	
" Bible-women	60 00	
" Miss Lore's salary	600 00	
" " " incidentals	150 00	
" Medical work	300 00	
" Towards finishing Home	500 00	
Hurdui Bible-woman	60 00	
Estimate for exchange	1,204 00	
Total		$7,224 00

China.

Foochow, Miss Trask's salary	$600 00	
" " " incidentals	150 00	
" " " personal teacher	72 00	
" Two Deaconesses (Mrs. Baldwin)	48 00	
" " " to be employed	48 00	
" Dispensary	250 00	
" Cistern	40 00	
Estimate for exchange	241 60	
Total		$1,449 60

Mexico.

Pachuca Home	$1,000 00	
" Miss Hastings' salary	600 00	
" " " Incidentals	150 00	
" " " Teacher	54 00	
" Bible-woman	60 00	
" School requisites	100 00	
" Hymns, tracts, Scriptures, &c.	60 00	
Mexico City Orphanage	1,340 00	
Estimate for exchange	672 80	
Total		$4,036 00

Bulgaria.

Clara Proka, Christinka and others	$220 00	
Estimate for Exchange	44 00	
Total	———	$264 00

Japan.

To send out Missionary	$1,500 00	
Provisional	500 00	
Grand total	———	$14,474 40

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

India.

Bareilly Girls' Orphanage	$360 00	
Paori " "	60 00	
Lucknow, City Schools	400 00	
" Assistant Missionary	300 00	
Cawnpore, Girls' School and Bible-women	200 00	
To send out Missionary	1,500 00	
Estimate for Exchange	564 00	
Total	———	$3,384 00

China.

Peking, Miss Comb's salary	$600 00	
" " Incidentals	150 00	
" " Personal teacher	120 00	
" Hospital expenses	300 00	
Kiu Kiang, Mrs. Tong and Mrs. She	100 00	
" Traveling expenses	20 00	
" Boarding School	600 00	
" Orphan " for 1875 and 1876	120 00	
Kung Lung, Rice School and building	255 00	
Foochow, Three Day Schools (Misses Woolston)	240 00	
" Two Deaconesses (Mrs. Chandler)	48 00	
Estimates for Exchange	510 60	
Total	———	$3,063 00

Mexico.

Pachuca Building	$250 00	
Mexico City Orphanage	350 00	
Estimates for Exchange	120 00	
Total	———	$720 00
Provisional		500 00
Grand Total		$7,667 60

Baltimore Branch.

India.

Nynee Tal, Schools and Bible-women	$240 00	
Palee School	80 00	
Bareilly Girls' Orphanage	150 00	
" Medical Bible-women	240 00	
" Mrs. Bond	360 00	
Estimates for Exchange	214 00	
Total		$1,284 00

China.

Foochow, Miss B. Woolston's Salary	$600 00	
" " " Incidentals	150 00	
" Boarding School	800 00	
" Seven Day Schools (Miss Woolston)	560 00	
" Repair on building	50 00	
" Personal teacher	48 00	
" Traveling expenses	45 00	
" Deaconess (Mrs. Edgell)	24 00	
Estimates for Exchange	455 00	
Total		$2,732 00

Mexico.

Mexico City Orphanage	$250 00	
Miss Swaney's outfit, passage and salary as missionary to Pachuca	1,150 00	
Estimates for Exchanges	280 00	
Total		$1,680 00

Africa.

Day School in Bixby, Bassa Co.	$200 00	
Estimates for Exchange	40 00	
Total		$240 00
Grand Total		$5,936 00

Cincinnati Branch.

India.

Lucknow, Miss Thoburn's salary	$600 00	
" " " Incidentals	150 00	
" Miss Mispelaur's salary	300 00	
" Miss Duncan's salary	270 00	
" Four Scholarships	120 00	
" Three Bible-women	180 00	

Bareilly, Girls' Orphanage	420 00	
" To complete purchase of Orphanage	500 00	
Shahjehanpore, Girls' School and Bible-women	280 00	
Panahpore and East Shahjehanpore	360 00	
Barabanki	100 00	
Estimate for exchange	656 00	
Total		$3,936 00

China.

Kiu Kiang, Miss Mason's salary	600 00	
" " Incidentals	150 00	
" Personal teacher	84 00	
" Rent	215 00	
" Building and furnishing Hospitals	4,500 00	
" Dispensary	200 00	
Foochow, Five Day Schools (Mrs. Sites)	400 00	
" Four Deaconesses "	96 00	
" Insurance on buildings	45 00	
" Travelling expenses of Missionaries' wives engaged in our work	75 00	
Estimate for exchange	1,273 00	
Total		$7,638 00

Mexico.

Mexico City, Orphanage	1,000 00	
" Miss Warner's salary	600 00	
" " Incidentals	150 00	
" Miss Ogden's salary	500 00	
" Personal teacher for both ladies	180 00	
Pachuca, Rent due on last year	315 00	
" " for this year	420 00	
Towards building Home	250 00	
Estimate for exchange	683 00	
Total		4,098 00
Provisional		1,020 00
Grand total		$16,692 00

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

India.

Paori Orphanage	$180 00	
Sumbhal Schools and Bible-women	200 00	
Chandousi	50 00	
Bareilly, Orphanage	360 00	
Lucknow, Two scholarships in schools	60 00	
" Miss Rowe's salary	360 00	
Estimate for exchange	242 00	
Total		$1,452 00

China.

Peking, Hospital expenses	$300 00	
" Medical missionary to be sent	2500 00	
Foochow, Miss S. H. Woolston's salary	600 00	
" " " " Incidentals	150 00	
" Five day schools (Mrs. Baldwin)	400 00	
" Three Deaconesses " "	72 00	
" One Deaconess (Miss Woolston)	36 00	
" Personal teacher	72 00	
" Traveling expenses	45 00	
" Postage for Mrs. Baldwin	5 00	
Kiu Kiang, Miss Howe's salary	600 00	
" " " Incidentals	150 00	
" Miss Hoag's salary	600 00	
" " " Incidentals	150 00	
" Two personal teachers	168 00	
" Two orphans	120 00	
" Repairs on House	39 00	
" Finishing Home	500 00	
" Boarding school teacher	50 00	
" " " matron	50 00	
" Watchman	36 00	
" Day School No. 1	85 00	
" " No. 2	65 00	
" " No. 3	70 00	
" " Furniture	20 00	
Estimate for exchange	1,376 60	
Total	———	$8,259 60

Japan.

Tokio, Miss Schoonmaker's salary	600 00	
" " " Incidentals	150 00	
" Home and school	3,000 00	
" Personal teacher	120 00	
" School requisites	250 00	
Estimate for exchange	824 00	
Total	———	$4,944 00

Mexico.

Mexico City Orphanage	300 00	
Pachuca Home and school	2,000 00	
Estimate for exchange	460 00	
Total	———	$2,760 00

South America.

Rosario, Miss Denning's salary	$600 00	
" " " Incidentals	150 00	
Estimate for exchange	150 00	
Total		$900 00

Bulgaria.

Bible-woman	105 00	
Support of girl in school	75 00	
Estimate for exchange	36 00	
Total		$216 00
Provisional		600 00
Grand Total		$10,131 60

WESTERN BRANCH.

India.

Paori Orphanage	60 00	
" Medical assistant	100 00	
Sreenugger Girls' School	80 00	
" District Work	80 00	
" Miss Blackmar's salary	600 00	
" " " Incidentals	150 00	
Building in Paori, conditional	300 00	
Bareilly Orphanage	480 00	
Khera Bajhera, School and Bible-women	150 00	
Seetapore	150 00	
Gondah	622 00	
Estimate for exchange	554 00	
Total		$3,326 40

China.

Foochow, Watchman	42 00	
" Two schools, Mrs. Plumb	160 00	
" " to be opened by Mrs. Plumb	160 00	
" Deaconess employed by Mrs. Plumb	24 00	
" " to be employed by Mrs. Plumb	24 00	
Peking, Miss Porter's salary	600 00	
" " " incidentals	150 00	
" personal teacher	120 00	
" traveling expenses	50 00	
Estimate of exchange	266 00	
Total		$1,596 00

Japan.

Home in Tokio	$2,000 00	
Estimate for exchange	400 00	
Total		$2,400 00

Mexico.

Mexico City Orphanage	200 00	
Estimate for exchange	40 00	
Total		$240 00
Grand total		$7,802 40

	India.	China.	Japan.	Mexico.	So. America.	Bulgaria.	Africa.	Provisional.	Totals.
New England Branch,	$7,304	$2,124		$552	$1,620				$11,600
New York "	7,224	1,449	1,500	4,036		$264		$500	14,973
Philadelphia "	3,384	3,063		720				500	7,667
Baltimore "	1,284	2,732		1,680			$240		5,936
Cincinnati "	3,936	7,638		4,098				1,020	16,692
Northwestern "	1,452	8,259	4,944	2,760	900	216		600	19,131
Western "	3,326	1,596	2,400	248				240	7,802
Totals	$27,910	$26,861	$8,884	$14,086	$2,520	$480	$240	$2,860	$83,801

Error. — On page 30, $500 "provisional" should be added to "Grand Total" for New York Branch.

Missionaries in employ of W. F. M. Soc., June, 1876.	Birthplace.	Date of Departure for the Mission-field.	Present Address.	By what Branch supported.
Miss Isabella Thoburn .	St. Clairsville . Ohio	Sailed fr. N. York, Oct. 1869	Lucknow, India.	Cincinnati Branch.
" Clara A. Swain, M.D.	Elmira . . . N. Y.	" " " "	Castile, N.Y.	New England "
" Fannie Sparkes . .	Binghamton . N.Y.	" " Sept. 1870	Bareilly, India.	New York "
" Mary Q. Porter . .	Allegheny City . Pa.	" S. Francisco, Nov. '71	Peking, China.	Western "
" Beulah Woolston .	New Jersey	" " " "	Foochow, "	Baltimore "
" Sarah Woolston . .	New Jersey	" " " "	" "	Northwestern "
" Gertrude Howe . .	Poughkeepsie . N.Y.	" " Oct. 1872	Kiukiang, "	" "
" Lucy H. Hoag . .	Milan . . . Mich.	" " " "	" "	" "
" L. E. Blackmar . .	West Springfield Pa.	" New York " "	Paori, India.	Western "
" L. M. Pultz . . .	Windsor . . . N.Y.	" " " "	Moradabad, "	New York "
" L. L. Coombs, M. D.	. . . N.Y.	" S. Francisco, May '73	Peking, China.	Philadelphia "
" S. M. Warner . .	Groton . . . . N.Y.	" N. Orleans, Jan. 1874	City Mexico, Mex.	Cincinnati "
" Mary Hastings . .	Blanford . . Mass.	" New York, " "	Pachuca, "	New York "
" Jennie M. Chapin .	Chicopee . . Mass.	" " " "	Rosario, S. A.	New England "
" L. B. Denning . .	Knox County . Ohio	" " " "	" "	Northwestern "
" S. Trask, M.D. . .	Spring Creek . Pa.	" S. Francisco, Oct. "	Foochow, China.	New York "
" Letitia Mason, M. D.		" " " "	Kiukiang, "	Cincinnati "
" Dora Schoonmaker.		" " " "	Yedo, Japan.	Northwestern "
" AnnaJuliaLore, M.D.	Buenos Ayres . S.A.	" New York, " "	Moradabad, India.	New York "
" Letitia A. Campbell.	Liverpool . . . Eng.	" San Francisco, " 1875	Peking, China.	New England "
" Lucilla H. Green, M.D.	Lambertville . . N.J.	" New York, Jan. 1876	Bareilly, India.	" "
" Nettie Ogden . . .	Springfield . . Ohio	" N. Orleans, " "	City Mexico, Mex.	Cincinnati "
Missionaries formerly in employ of W. F. M. Soc.				
Miss Carrie McMillan . .	Gettysburg . . Pa.	" New York, Sept. 1871	Mrs. Rev. P. M. Buck, Gettysburg, Pa.	Supported by the Parent Society.
" Maria Browne . .	Born on Atlantic Ocean	" S. Francisco, Nov. "	Mrs. Rev. G. R. Davis, Peking, China.	Supported by the Parent Society.
" Jennie Tinsley . .	Clonmell . . Ireland	" New York, Sept. "	Mrs. Rev. Dr. Waugh, Bareilly, India.	Supported by the Parent Society.

BY-LAWS

FOR GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within whose precincts the meeting of the General Executive Committee is to be held shall fix the exact date of the meeting of said Committee, and arrange for the anniversary exercises.

2. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall meet the day before the time of the meeting of the General Executive Committee, for the purpose of nominating the members of the Standing Committees, and plan work for its sessions, and report the same at the opening of said Committee.

3. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within whose bounds the Committee convenes shall preside over its meetings until a permanent organization is effected.

4. The ORDER OF BUSINESS shall be as follows: —

1. Calling of the roll.
2. Election of President and Secretary.
3. Appointment of Standing Committees, *i. e.*, Committee on Publication, Committee on Finance, Committee on Extension of Work, Committee on Application of Missionary Candidates.
4. Reception of Reports from Corresponding Secretaries.
5. Reception of Treasurers' Reports.
6. Report of Agent of HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND.
7. Presentation of information from foreign work.
8. Reception of memorials, petitions, and estimates.
9. Fixing place of next meeting.
10. Notices of constitutional amendments.
11. Miscellaneous business.

5. The RULES OF ORDER shall be as follows: —

1. Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
2. All resolutions to be discussed shall be presented in writing.
3. All ladies speaking shall rise when they address the Chair.
4. No lady shall leave the room without permission from the Chair.

6. The Committee of Reference shall be composed of the Corresponding Secretaries of the various branches, whose duties shall be as follows: —

It shall hold correspondence with the missionaries in the different localities of our mission-field, in order that thorough information may be obtained with regard to all parts of our work, — such information to be presented on requisition of the General Executive Committee, the fields of correspondence for the respective secretaries to be arranged by themselves.

It shall have power to adjust any matters of difference which may arise between the Branches, and to fill any vacancy that may occur in the office of the agent or editor of the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND during the year.

If a Branch Board shall desire to send a lady to a foreign field, the work having been estimated for by the General Executive Committee, her testimonials shall be sent to this Committee, and a majority of them concurring, she may receive her appointment.

7. The Secretary of each meeting of the General Executive Committee shall keep a full record of all proceedings, which, when entered upon a suitable book of record, shall be deposited in the safe of the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND, and shall be transmitted to the next meeting of the General Executive Committee by the Corresponding Secretary of the New England Branch.

8. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the General Executive Committee by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. — NAME.

THIS Association shall be called "THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

ARTICLE II. — PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending female missionaries to women in the foreign mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible-readers in those fields.

ARTICLE III. — MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership, and twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

ARTICLE. IV. — ORGANIZATION.

The organization of this Society shall consist of a General Executive Committee, Branch and Auxiliary Societies, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

ARTICLE V. — GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECT. 1. The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a General Executive Committee, consisting of the Corresponding Secretaries of the Branch Societies and two delegates from each Branch, which delegates, together with two reserves, shall be elected at the Branch Annual Meetings, said meetings to be held within two months before the meeting of the General Executive Committee. Said Committee shall meet at Boston the third Wednesday in April, 1870, and annually or oftener thereafter, at such time and place as the General Executive Committee shall annually determine.

SECT. 2. The duties of the General Executive Committee shall be, —

1. To receive the reports of the several Treasurers, and ascertain from them the financial condition of the Society, and to appropriate moneys found in the several treasuries in such ways as shall be deemed best in accordance with the purposes and method herein indicated.

2. To take into consideration the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society, including the employment of new missionaries and the designation of their fields of labor, and to devise means for carrying forward this work, fixing the amount necessary to be raised, and arranging with the Branch Societies as to the number of missionaries to be supported and the work to be undertaken by each Branch.

3. To appoint a Committee, consisting of one from each Branch Society, to have charge of the missionary paper of the Society, and to arrange with the Corresponding Secretaries for the publication of an Annual Report of the work of the Society.

4. To transact any other business that the interests of the Society

may demand. Provided, nevertheless, that all the plans and directions of the Committee shall be in harmony with the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VI. — BRANCH SOCIETIES.

SECT. 1. The organizations already formed at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Cincinnati shall be regarded as co-ordinate Branches of this Society on their acceptance of this relationship under the provisions of the present Constitution.

SECT. 2. Other Branches may be organized in accordance with the following general plan for districting the territory of the Church: —

Districts.	States.	Headquarters.
I.	New England States	Boston.
II.	New York and New Jersey	New York.
III.	Pennsylvania and Delaware	Philadelphia.
IV.	Maryland, District of Columbia, and Eastern Virginia	Baltimore.
V.	Ohio, West Virginia, and Kentucky	Cincinnati.
VI.	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin	Chicago.
VII.	Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Colorado	St. Louis.
VIII.	Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas	New Orleans.
IX.	Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Florida	Atlanta.
X.	Pacific Coast	San Francisco.

This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the General Executive Committee present at any annual meeting of the same.

SECT. 3. The officers of each Branch Society shall consist of a President, not less than ten Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, — who may be a gentleman, — and not less than ten Managers. These, with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an Executive Committee for the administration of the affairs of the Branch, nine of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Branch, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their stead.

SECT. 4. The President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Branch and of its Executive Committee.

The Recording Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Branch and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings.

The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries, with the other Branches, and with its auxiliary Societies (hereinafter mentioned), and shall endeavor by all practicable means to form auxiliary Societies within the prescribed territory of the Branch. It shall also be her duty to present to the annual meeting of the General Executive Committee a report of the work of the Branch during the year, for publication in their Annual Report.

The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Branch, keeping proper books of account, and shall make such disposition of the funds as the Executive Committee may direct, each order of the Committee being duly signed by the Corresponding Secretary.

Sect. 5. The Executive Committee shall have full supervision of all the work assigned to the Branch by the General Executive Committee, and may order the disbursement of those funds required for that work, provide for all the wants and receive all the reports of the missionaries, Bible-women, and teachers, who, by the plan of the General Executive Committee, are to be supported by their Branch.

Sect. 6. No Branch Society shall project new work or undertake the support of new missionaries except by the direction or with the approval of the General Executive Committee.

Sect. 7. Each Branch Society may make its own By-Laws regulating its meetings and those of its Executive Committee, also any others which may be deemed necessary to the efficiency of the Society, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

Article VII. — Auxiliary Societies.

Any number of ladies contributing not less than ten dollars annually may form a society auxiliary to that Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church within whose prescribed territorial limits they may reside, by appointing a President, three or more Vice-Presidents or Managers, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, who together shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

Article VIII. — Relation to the Missionary Authorities of the Church.

Sect. 1. This Society will work in harmony with, and under the supervision of the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and be subject to their approval in the employment and remuneration of missionaries, the designation of their fields of labor, and in the general plans and designs of its work.

Sect. 2. All missionaries supported by the Society shall be approved by the constituted missionary authorities of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall labor under the direction of the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and of the particular missions of the Society in which they may be severally employed; and they shall be subject to the same rules and regulations that govern the other missionaries in those particular missions.

Sect. 3. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any church services or in any promiscuous public meetings, but shall be raised by securing Members, Life Members, Honorary Managers and Patrons, and by such other methods as will not interfere with the ordinary collections or contributions for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Article IX. — Change of Constitution.

This Constitution may be changed at any annual meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of each Branch delegation, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous annual meeting; but Article VIII. shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.